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SECDEF: FOR DIRNSA (FORT MEADE, MD)

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SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

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1. AS OF 1500 KABUL TIME, THE GUNFIRE HAS LESSENERD
SOMEWHAT. OCCASIONAL TANK AND SMALL ARMS ROUNDS ARE
STILL BEING HEARD, ESPECIALLY NEAR THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
IN SHARI-I-NAU. WE STILL HEAR TANKS AND ARMORED PERSONNEL
CARRIERS (APC) MOVING WITHIN THE CITY. TWELVE TANKS WERE
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SEEN HEADED OUT DARULUMAN ROAD TOWARD FIRST CORPS HEADQUARTERS.

2. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD US THAT HIS EMBASSY
HAS TAKEN TWO TANK ROUNDS. THE FRENCH CONSULATE, LOCATED
WITHIN THE COMPOUND, HAS BEEN DESTROYED. A "REFUGEE" FROM THE
NEIGHBORING PALACE COMPOUND HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN HIS COMPOUND.

3. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, BUILDINGS IN THE PALACE COMPOUND, AND IN PUSHTUNISTAN SQUARE ARE ALL TAKING ROUNDS. BODIES ARE REPORTEDLY SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THESE AREAS.

4. MILITARY ACTION STARTED AROUND NOON WHEN NINE TANKS -- PRESUMABLY A REBEL FORCE -- RACED PAST THE EMBASSY TOWARD THE PALACE AREA. A U.S. MARINE FOLLOWED THEM AND SAW ONE TANK FIRE A ROUND AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. SUBSEQUENTLY, SEVERAL ADDITIONAL TANKS (WE HAVE COUNTED AT LEAST FIFTY) HAVE PASSED BY OUR EMBASSY ON THE WAY INTO THE ACTION.

5. AT THE PRESENT TIME, FIGHTING IS CONCENTRATED AROUND THE PALACE COMPOUND AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WITH FORCES WITHIN BOTH COMPOUNDS EXCHANGING FIRE WITH THOSE OUTSIDE. WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME WHICH IS WHICH.

6. TELEPHONES ARE WORKING. ALL AMERICANS AS FAR AS WE KNOW ARE SAFE.
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